

Eastern Shore Sailing Association

2024 Choptank Duet

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

DATE: Saturday, June 22, 2024

GOVERNING RULES

The racing rules and regulations of US Sailing shall govern except as modified by the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association, the ESSA 2024 NORSI and these Race Instructions. As always, the most important rule is to avoid collisions. Sail at your own risk.

OBJECTIVES - This is a new sailing event that will be fun for both racers and cruisers.

PARTICIPATION

All boats are welcome to participate in this free event. Only two crew members can be onboard - no non-sailing guests. All boats will sail Non-Spinnaker. Autopilots can be used.

Classes - Participants can choose to sail in either the Racing Class or the Cruising Class

Racing Class - This class will include experienced racers and will sail a longer course.

Cruising Class - This class will include sailors who want a fun but largely noncompetitive sail around a preset local course.

Handicap Ratings

The ORR EZ rating system will be used. If your boat does not have an ORR-EZ please report your current or previous PHRF rating. If you do not have a rating, no problem. The Race Committee will assign a fair rating to your boat.

Registration

To register send the following information to Bob Gallagher at rgallagher1.rg@gmail.com . Registrations must be received by Thursday, June 20.

- Name of Sailor 1
- Name of Sailor 2
- Name of Boat
- Boat Manufacturer
- Sail Number
- Length of boat
- Rating ORR EZ, PHRF, No rating

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SKIPPERS' MEETING

A skippers' meeting will be held at 8:30 am - location to be announced. Any final changes to the NORSI will be announced at that time. The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72 during the race. All boats must check in with the Race Committee and be acknowledged at least 5 minutes before the warning signal. The use of VHF Channel 72 is encouraged.

STARTING SIGNALS

Racing Class start promptly at 9:30 am. All participants must individually record their GPS start and finish time and report it to the Race Committee after crossing the finish line using VHF Channel 72.

TIME SOUNDS

Courtesy Warning 6 min 09:24, 5 Short blasts

Starting 5 min 09:25, 1 Long horn blast

Sequence 4 min 09:26, 1 Horn blast

1 min 09:29, 1 Horn blast

Start 09:30, 1 Long Horn blast

Racing Class Course, 10.8 NM

Outbound	Inbound
Start G3 Port - G1	Starboard G19 Port
G23 Port	G21 Port
G21 Starboard	G23 Starboard
G19 Starboard	G3 Starboard
R18 Starboard	Finish between Mark Z and RC Flag on CYC Wharf

TIME SOUNDS

09:40, 5 short blasts

09:45, 1 long blast, Race Committee announces that the starting line is open (on VHF Channel 72)

09:50, 5 short blasts, the starting line is closed.

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Cruising Class Course, 7.82 NM

Outbound	Inbound
Start G3 Port - G1	G21 Port
G23 Port	G23 Starboard
G21 Starboard	G3 Starboard
G19 Starboard	Finish between Mark Z and RC Flag on CYC Wharf

Cruising Class starting line will be “open” from 9:45 am - 9:50 am. Skippers may cross the starting line at any time during those 5 minutes. When a boat crosses the starting line, they will begin keeping their elapsed time which will be reported to the Race Committee after crossing the finish line.

AWARDS - Gold, silver and bronze metals will be presented to the top three finishers in the Racing class and in the Cruising Class.

POST RACE PARTY - Details to be announced.